



Isilco

Country report 2011-2013.

Isilco is the Icelandic ostomy association.

MEMBERS:

Our members number about 300 people of all ages, shapes and sizes. Since we are so few we are not divided into groups according to what kind of ostomy we have. However there is one subgroup: The young (between 20-40) have an informal group of their own.

DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEARS:

Our activities throughout the years were mostly on a regular basis. We usually have six open meetings in Reykjavik each year, including our Christmas meeting in the beginning of December, and one in Akureyri in the north of Iceland. There we have a group of ostomates that live in the towns nearby. In these meetings we usually try to have a lecturer with a topic relating to ostomates on a broad scale.

Other activities included taking part in meetings and small conferences held by both the Disabled Peoples Union and The Cancer Association of Iceland, but Isilco is a member of both those "umbrella" organizations. We also try to influence decision making by those organizations in any way that we can and for the greater good.

Our main concern in our last annual report was the dwindling demand for the services of our visiting service. That problems still remains but we have been trying our best to get the attention of the doctors and the nurses at the hospitals. We have made some progress in that area but more work is needed in that area.

FOREIGN COOPERATIONS

We of course celebrated WOD in 2012 with a meeting and some newspaper advertisements. The meeting was very well attended and the advertisements got good attention.



Nordic chairpersons meeting was held in Reykjavik, Norway, in the middle of April 2013. We received nine guests from the other Nordic countries and five from us attended. The main issue of the meeting was the planning of the Nordic conference which is to be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, in September 2014.

We have been providing a little bit of help to our friends in the other Nordic organizations with their twinning projects. We have sent appliances to Ukraine in cooperation with Copa and also helped Ilco Sweden with a little bit of funding in their project in Zimbabwe.

PUBLICATIONS:

Our small newsletter was published five to six times during each year.

APPLIANCES:

Ostomy appliances are practically free in Iceland and everybody gets the appliances that he or she needs. Two major suppliers are active on the market.

Respectfully,

Jon Thorkelsson,
Chairman of Isilco.

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